

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Specification Objection

The Office objected to the specification as having sequences not identified by a sequence identifier. With respect to the sequences in paragraphs [0003] and [0005], the applicant agrees and amended the objected sentences by deletion of the sequences. Sequence DEVD in [0005] was identified as SEQ ID No.: 17. With respect to the sequence 'YGGSAGS' in [0014] it should be noted that this sequence is a partial sequence of SEQ ID No.1. Specific reference was made to that effect in [0014]. Objected sequences in [0021] were deleted and sequence DEVD in [0021] was identified as SEQ ID No.: 17. Similarly, sequence DEVD in [0036] was identified as SEQ ID No.: 17. A replacement sequence listing is enclosed herewith and also supplied in computer readable format.

Claim Objection

The Office objected to claim 12 as having a sequence without sequence identifier. Claim 12 was amended accordingly.

35 USC § 112, second paragraph

Claims 1, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, and 14-15 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, 2nd paragraph as being indefinite for lack of antecedent basis for the term "the protein without the amino acid sequence of YGGSGAS". Claim 1 was amended accordingly.

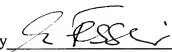
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REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

Claims 1, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, and 14-16 are pending in this application with claims 2, 5, 7, 9, 11, and 13 being withdrawn. The applicant requests allowance of all pending claims.

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